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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002. A request for a two month Extension of the Term for Response is submitted herewith effectively extending the term for response to February 10, 2003. Please make the following changes in the application.

Title of the Invention:

Please substitute the enclosed title page canceling
"Centrifugal Impeller Assembly" and substituting therefor -- Spacer for
Centrifugal Impeller--.

In the Specification:

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Please substitute the enclosed page 1 which, on page 1, line 13, inserts the following new section:

"Related Applications

This is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/454,938 filed December 3, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,290,467 B1 issued on 18 September 2001."